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1. I MADE A FURTHER STRONG PRESENTATION TO DENKTASH MARCH 24 TO URGE CONTINUED TURKISH CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION IN FULBRIGHT PROGRAM. (I HAD PUT THIS TO HIM BY LETTER BEFORE RECEIPT OF DEPT'S INSTRUCTION AND GOTTEN A WRITTEN REJECTION.) I NOTED THAT SEVERAL YOUNG MEMBERS OF DENKTASH'S OWN BRAIN TRUST WERE FORMER FULBRIGHTERS. I LEFT HIM WITH A PAPER SUMMARIZING KEY POINTS MADE BY DEPARTMENT.

2. FROM OUR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, AND ALTHOUGH I HAVE GONE OVER THIS GROUND WITH HIM MANY TIMES BEFORE OVER THE YEARS, IT WAS APPARENT THAT DENKTASH STILL HAS SOME CONFUSION IN HIS MIND ABOUT THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT IN NO CASE WOULD HE ANY LONGER ALLOW TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO APPEAR BEFORE GOC SCHOLARSHIP BOARD. I POINTED OUT THAT UNDER FULBRIGHT PROGRAM THEY DID NOT DO SO; HE WAS CONFUSING THIS WITH AID/AUB SCHOLARSHIPS.

3. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF A QUICK DECISION. DENKTASH TOOK NOTES ON FULBRIGHT MECHANISMS AND PROMISED TO BE BACK TO ME SOONEST.
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